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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>January 26, 2006</u>. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.